UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ABANTE ROOTER AND PLUMBING INC,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNLOCKED BUSINESS STRATEGIES, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 19-cv-07966-JST

## **SCHEDULING ORDER**

The Court hereby sets the following case deadlines pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Civil Local Rule 16-10:

Event	Deadline
Deadline to add parties or amend the pleadings <sup>1</sup>	March 19, 2021
Mediation deadline	April 16, 2021
Class certification expert disclosures	July 21, 2021
Class certification expert rebuttal	August 2, 2021
Class certification expert discovery cut-off	August 20, 2021
Class certification motion due	September 3, 2021
Class certification opposition due	October 1, 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After this deadline, a party may still seek amendment, but must demonstrate good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4).

Counsel may not modify these dates without leave of court. The parties shall comply with the Court's standing orders, which are available <a href="https://cand.uscourts.gov/judges/tigar-jon-s-jst/">https://cand.uscourts.gov/judges/tigar-jon-s-jst/</a>.

The Court sets a further case management conference on February 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. (because more than one conference will be set at that time, the conference may not begin precisely at 1:30 p.m.). The conference will proceed by video.

The parties must file a joint case management conference statement by February 10, 2021 at noon. For that statement only, the parties should disregard the local rules concerning the content of case management statements. Instead, the statement should be divided into two sections. The first section will address the status of the parties' discovery. The parties will first list any discovery propounded by the Plaintiffs, the status of that discovery, and any next steps required to complete the discovery or conclude any dispute regarding that discovery. The parties will then provide the same information regarding any discovery propounded by Defendants. The parties' statement must include completed discovery as well as open discovery, and should list any discovery that has been discussed between the parties, even if it has not yet been propounded. The second section of the statement will include a discussion of any other issues requiring the Court's attention or that bear on the progress of the case. At the conclusion of the conference, the Court will set the date and time of the next conference.

The parties must take all necessary steps to conduct discovery, compel discovery, hire counsel, retain experts, and manage their calendars so that they can complete discovery in a timely manner and comply with the deadlines set by the Court. All counsel must arrange their calendars to accommodate these dates, or arrange to substitute or associate in counsel who can.

Requests for continuance are disfavored. The Court will not consider any event subsequently scheduled by a party, party-controlled witness, expert or attorney that conflicts with

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United States District Court Northern District of California the above dates as good cause to grant a continuance. The Court will not consider the pendency of settlement discussions as good cause to grant a continuance.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 27, 2020

